

IN THE CLAIMS

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2. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 17, wherein said adhesive layer has a second application temperature which is equal to or slightly higher than its softening point, and wherein said second application temperature is lower than a first application temperature for said wear layer.

3. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 2 wherein the properties of the wear layer are selected with respect to the surrounding climate and area of use, and wherein the properties of the adhesive layer are selected with respect to optimum adhesion to a said fixed road surface.

4. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 3, wherein the wear layer is formable at said first application temperature.

5. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 17, wherein said surface marking comprises a wear-warning sheet.

6. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 5, wherein the wear-warning sheet comprises a coloring pigment contained in either said wear layer or said adhesive layer.

7. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 5, wherein the wear-warning sheet comprises a translucent adhesive layer.

8. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 5, wherein said wear-warning sheet is located between said wear layer and said adhesive layer.

9. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 5, wherein said wear-warning sheet is located in said wear layer.

10. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 5, wherein said wear-warning sheet is located in said adhesive layer.

11. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 17, wherein said surface marking comprises a reinforcing sheet.

12. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 11, wherein the reinforcing sheet is located between said wear layer and said adhesive layer.

13. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 11, wherein said reinforcing sheet is located in said wear layer.

14. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 11 wherein the reinforcing sheet comprises a web or a net whose structure is visible through said wear layer.

15. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 11, wherein said reinforcing sheet is placed in said adhesive layer.

16. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 11 wherein said reinforcing sheet comprises a glass fiber web or a glass fiber net.

17. (currently amended) A surface marking for roads having a fixed road surface, the surface marking comprising:


an adhesive layer of a heat-activatable adhesive material being directly applied and adhered to the fixed road surface when the surface marking is heated; and

a wear layer disposed over the adhesive layer, wherein at least one of the adhesive layer and the wear layer is formed of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of a resin, a thermoplastic polymer, a softener, a reflecting material and a friction material, wherein a thickness ratio of said adhesive layer to said wear layer ranges from 1:3 to 1:7.

18. (previously presented) The surface marking of claim 17, wherein said fixed road surface comprises asphalt or concrete.

19. (currently amended) A surface marking for roads having a fixed road surface, the surface marking comprising:

a thermoplastic adhesive layer of a heat-activatable adhesive material being directly applied and adhered to the fixed road surface in a partially molten state when the surface marking is heated; and

 a thermoplastic wear layer disposed over the adhesive layer, wherein at least one of the adhesive layer and the wear layer is formed of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of a resin, a thermoplastic polymer, a softener, a reflecting material and a friction material, said adhesive layer of sufficient thickness to melt into irregularities in said road surface so as to increase the surface area between said marking and said road surface, said wear layer having a first application temperature which is higher than a second application temperature of said adhesive layer.

20. (previously presented) The surface markings of claim 19, wherein said fixed road surface comprises asphalt or concrete.

21. (currently amended) A surface marking for roads having a fixed road surface, the surface marking comprising:

an adhesive layer of a heat-activatable adhesive material being directly applied and adhered to the fixed road surface in a partially molten state when the surface marking is heated; and

a wear layer disposed over the adhesive layer,
wherein a thickness ratio of said adhesive layer to said wear layer ranges from 1:3 to 1:7, and

wherein at least one of the adhesive layer and the wear layer is formed of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of a resin, a thermoplastic polymer, a softener, a reflecting material and a friction material,

said adhesive layer having a second application temperature which is equal to or slightly higher than its softening point, and wherein said second application temperature is lower than a first application temperature for said wear layer.

22. (previously presented) The surface marking of claim 21, wherein said fixed road surface comprises asphalt or concrete.

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27. (previously presented) A surface marking for roads having a fixed road surface, the surface marking comprising:

an adhesive layer of a heat-activatable adhesive material for direct application and adherence to the fixed road surface;

a wear-warning sheet; and

a wear layer disposed over the adhesive layer, wherein at least one of the adhesive layer and the wear layer is formed of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of a resin, a thermoplastic polymer, a softener, a reflecting material and a friction material.

28. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 27, wherein the wear-warning sheet comprises a coloring pigment contained in either said wear layer or said adhesive layer.

29. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 27, wherein the wear-warning sheet comprises a translucent adhesive layer.

30. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 27, wherein said wear-warning sheet is located between said wear layer and said adhesive layer.

31. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 27, wherein said wear-warning sheet is located in said wear

layer.

32. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 27, wherein said wear-warning sheet is located in said adhesive layer.

33. (currently amended) A surface marking for roads having a fixed road surface, the surface marking comprising:

an adhesive layer of a heat-activatable adhesive material for direct application and adherence to the fixed road surface in a partially molten state when the surface marking is heated;

a wear layer disposed over the adhesive layer,
wherein at least one of the adhesive layer and the wear layer is formed of one or more materials selected from the group consisting of a resin, a thermoplastic polymer, a softener, a reflecting material and a friction material; and
a reinforcing sheet.

34. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 33, wherein the reinforcing sheet is located between said wear layer and said adhesive layer.

35. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 33, wherein said reinforcing sheet is located in said wear layer.

36. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 33 wherein the reinforcing sheet comprises a web or a net whose structure is visible through said wear layer.

37. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 33, wherein said reinforcing sheet is placed in said adhesive layer.

38. (previously presented) The surface marking according to claim 33 wherein said reinforcing sheet comprises a glass fiber web or a glass fiber net.